

AZ All-Hazards Communications Unit Training and Recognition Program Update

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Overview



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Initial COML Training



- The All-Hazards COML course, which is led by two DHS approved COML Instructors, trains emergency responders to serve as COMLs during all hazards emergency operations.
- During the national COML training rollout in 2009, 6 courses were offered across Arizona:

Dates	County (Location)	Funding Source
June 17 – 19, 2009	Maricopa (Phoenix)	Phoenix Fire Federal Grant
July 15 – 17, 2009	Coconino (Flagstaff)	Phoenix Fire Federal Grant
August 5 – 7, 2009	Pima (Tucson)	Phoenix Fire Federal Grant
August 12 – 14, 2009	Maricopa (Phoenix)	Phoenix Fire Federal Grant
August 19 – 21, 2009	Yuma (Yuma)	Phoenix Fire Federal Grant
Sept 29 – Oct 1, 2009	Cochise (Sierra Vista)	Federal Rollout Program

Recent COML Training



- During the past year, the PSIC Office collaborated with ADEM and county emergency management offices for 6 additional courses:

Dates	County/Location	Funding Source
October 17 – 20, 2011	Maricopa (Phoenix)	County ADEM Training Funds
Nov 28 – Dec 1, 2011	Mohave (Kingman)	2010 IECGP
December 5 – 8, 2011	Pima (Tucson)	2010 IECGP
February 7 – 10, 2012	Maricopa (Glendale)	EMI Sponsored Course
April 2 – 5, 2012	Cochise (Sierra Vista)	2010 IECGP
April 30 – May 3, 2012	Coconino (Flagstaff)	2010 IECGP

- Once a course has been scheduled with ADEM, an announcement is emailed to the Interested Parties and COML Notification lists and posted online at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml>.
- Qualified participants must register for the COML courses through ERMA and send complete registration forms to psic@azpsic.gov.

County Breakdown of Trained COMLs



- 181 Arizona students have completed the All-Hazards COML course (as of October 2012):

County	Students Trained
Apache	3
Cochise	26
Coconino	12
Gila	0
Graham	0
Greenlee	0
La Paz	0
Maricopa	76

County	Students Trained
Mohave	15
Navajo	2
Pima	20
Pinal	3
Santa Cruz	2
Yavapai	2
Yuma	20

Upcoming COML Training



- Additional All-Hazards COML courses are being planned for 4Q 2012 and 1Q 2013 with remaining State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds.
 - The next training course will be conducted in Yuma: October 22-25, 2012 – 8AM to 5PM ([ERMA #1002202](#)).
- The PSIC Office welcomes suggestions for future offerings of the All-Hazards COML course. When providing feedback, please consider scheduling and logistics:
 - Dates: The course is currently 4 days in length.
 - Location: A training facility that can comfortably accommodate 30 to 50 people (to facilitate group break-out sessions) is required.
 - Attendance: A minimum of 15 students should attend; the maximum number of students is 30.
 - Enrollment: Qualified participants statewide may register for the course.

COMT Training



- The All-Hazards COMT course, which is led by two trained and federally recognized COMT Instructors, trains emergency responders on practices and procedures common to COMTs during all hazards emergency operations.
- Due to the technical nature of the training, course enrollment is limited to 15 students and is offered by invitation only.
- To date, 2 All-Hazards COMT courses have been held in AZ:
 - October 24 – 28, 2011: Pima County (Tucson), offered through OEC Technical Assistance
 - April 9 - 13, 2012: Maricopa County (Phoenix), utilizing SHSGP 2011 training funds
- Two additional courses are being planned in Phoenix (with remaining SHSGP funds) and Yuma (using IECGP fall out funds).

COML Field Day



- Planning is still underway for the COML Training Field Day in Maricopa County.
 - The goal is to develop a schedule and curriculum that will allow emergency responders to develop their skills and capabilities through hands-on training.
 - Individuals who have completed a COML or COMT course in Arizona will be invited to this training opportunity.
- The Field Day was originally targeted for spring delivery, but was postponed to a later date due to wildland fire season and procurement delays.
- The California SWIC has invited the PSIC Office to observe the planning and execution of their COML Exercise (COMLEX), October 18-19, 2012, to learn more about how COMLs work and train in CA. Observing this exercise will aid the PSIC Office in developing and implementing Arizona's COML Field Day.

Numbers Snapshot



- As of October 2012, the NIMS-CU Workgroup has recognized 18 Arizona Regional All-Hazards COMLs and 1 COMT.

	COML		COMT	
	Trained	Recognized	Trained	Recognized
Discipline				
Emergency Management	17	4	5	-
Fire	51	5	12	-
Health Care	2	1	-	-
Law Enforcement	58	4	6	1
Other	53	4	9	-
Totals	181	18	32	1
	<i>(from AZ; since 2009)</i>			

- Those recognized represent agencies from 5 counties and are listed on the AZ Regional All-Hazards Communications Resource List on the PSIC website at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/>.

Resource List



Arizona Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Resource List

Current as of: October 2012

The individuals on this resource list have been recognized at the Arizona Regional level by the National Incident Management System Communications Unit (NIMS-CU) Workgroup of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) in the All-Hazards Communications Unit position(s) indicated.

Information regarding the requirements for consideration and the recognition process is available online at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/com/>.

Arizona Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit personnel have been certified by their agencies as having met all requirements for qualification in the position(s) indicated and that such qualification has been issued. Information regarding the certification process is available online at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/com/>.

Name	Position(s)	Period of Recognition	Certifying Agency	Agency Address	Agency Phone
Cochise County					
Hollister, Robert	COML	10/04/11 to 10/03/14	Cochise County Emergency Services	1415 Melody Lane, Bldg G Bisbee, AZ 85603	(520) 432-9220
Wittig, Jr., Everett	COML	4/17/12 to 4/16/15	City of Bisbee Police Department	#1 State Route 92 Bisbee, AZ 85603	(520) 432-6050
Coconino County					
Hatchett, Jason	COML	8/06/12 to 8/05/15	Guardian Medical Transport	1200 N. Beaver Street Flagstaff, AZ 86001	(928) 773-7678
La Paz County					
Hartmetz, Karl	COMT	9/28/12 to 9/27/15	La Paz County Sheriff's Office	1109 Parker Avenue Parker, AZ 85344	(928) 669-2281
Todd, Michael	COML	10/04/11 to 10/03/14	Buckskin Fire Department	8500 Riverside Dr. Parker, AZ 85344	(928) 667-3321
Maricopa County					
Cooper, Jesse	COML	12/21/11 to 12/20/14	City of Phoenix Police Department	620 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85003	(602) 262-6474
Jensen, Alan	COML	2/28/12 to 2/27/15	City of Tempe Fire Department	1400 E. Apache Blvd. Tempe, AZ 85281	(602) 262-6595
Justus, Jerry	COML	2/28/12 to 2/27/15	Arizona Division of Emergency Management	5636 E. McDowell Phoenix, AZ 85008	Bus. Hrs: (602) 244-0504 After Hrs: (602) 469-3401
Hagen, Jennifer	COML	12/21/11 to 12/20/14	City of Phoenix Police Department	620 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85003	(602) 262-6474
Hoaglin, Morgan	COML	12/21/11 to 12/20/14	Arizona Division of Emergency Management	5636 E. McDowell Phoenix, AZ 85008	Bus. Hrs: (602) 244-0504 After Hrs: (602) 469-3401
Knoll, Jeremy	COML	10/04/11 to 10/03/14	Arizona Department of Public Safety	2102 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85009	(602) 223-2000
Langevin, Richard	COML	12/21/11 to 12/20/14	Maricopa County Emergency Management	5630 E. McDowell Phoenix, AZ 85008	(602) 273-1411
Roosevelt, Jason	COML	10/04/11 to 10/03/14	City of Phoenix Fire Department	150 S. 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85034	(602) 262-7496
Rose, Gary	COML	2/28/12 to 2/27/15	161st Air Refueling Wing	3200 E. Old Tower Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85034	(602) 302-9071
Schmitz, Bradley	COML	8/06/12 to 8/05/15	91st Civil Support Team, AZ National Guard	5636 E. McDowell Phoenix, AZ 85008	(602) 267-2583
Schripsema, Jeff	COML	8/06/12 to 8/05/15	City of Phoenix Fire Department	150 S. 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85034	(602) 262-7496
Wills, Dan	COML	2/28/12 to 2/27/15	Arizona State Forestry Division	2901 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85027	1-800-309-7081
Worrell, Michael	COML	12/21/11 to 12/20/14	City of Phoenix Fire Department	150 S. 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85034	(602) 262-7496
Yavapai County					
Sisley, Robert	COML	10/04/11 to 10/03/14	Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	255 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301	(928) 777-7221

For additional information, please contact the Arizona Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office at psic@azpsic.gov or (602) 364-4498.

National Recognition Program Webinars



- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), in collaboration with the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC), identified best practice models for state COML Recognition Programs.
- Several interactive webinars have been conducted, featuring varying approaches to help SWICs gain a better understanding of how COMLs are becoming credentialed in other areas of the country in order to create or improve their own processes:
 - Tennessee: June 5, 2012
 - Arizona: July 31, 2012
 - Connecticut: October 2, 2012
- The PSIC Office participated in all three webinars to continue to bring back information that is being shared at the national level.

Program Comparison



- The programs featured in the webinars are unique to each state, but share some similarities:

Program Feature	AZ	CT	TN
Certification level(s)	Regional	State	Local & State
Certification term	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	not specified
Substantial SWIC/SWIC Office involvement	✓	✓	✓
SME Committee Review Process	✓	✓	✓
Consistent with national certification process	✓	✓	✓
Participation in COMLEX required		✓	
Interview required		✓	
New Taskbook required for recertification		✓	
COML training program managed at State level	✓	✓	✓
Leverage OEC Technical Assistance for training	✓	✓	✓
Certification process is documented	✓		

Website Updates



- After the PSCC approved the recommended revisions to the AZ Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Recognition Procedure last month, resources were added and updated on the PSIC COML webpage (www.azpsic.gov/library/coml):
 - **NEW!** – OEC Instructional Video: Intro to the Communications Unit
 - **UPDATED!** – Policies, procedures and associated forms for the Arizona Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Recognition Program
 - **UPDATED!** – Arizona Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Resource List
 - **UPDATED!** – Frequently Asked Questions related to the All-Hazards COML and COMT Taskbooks and the Recognition Program
 - **NEW!** – Arizona All-Hazards COMT Taskbook
- A notification email was sent to COML and COMT candidates who have completed training in AZ, inviting them to explore the website.



Further Discussion; Questions?
Thank You!

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